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**APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR MONITORING AND ANALYZING INSTANT
MESSAGING ACCOUNT TRANSCRIPTS**

RELATED APPLICATION

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The present invention is directed to similar subject matter as commonly assigned and co-pending U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/004,155 (Attorney Docket No. AUS920010953US1) entitled "Apparatus and Method for 10 Monitoring Instant Messaging Accounts," filed on even date herewith and hereby incorporated by reference.

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

15 1. Technical Field:

The present invention is directed to an improved data processing system. More specifically, the present invention is directed to an apparatus and method for monitoring and analyzing instant messaging account 20 transcripts.

2. Description of Related Art:

Instant messaging has become an increasingly attractive mechanism for users of computing devices to 25 communicate with one another. Instant messaging allows a user of a computing device to send a message over a network to another user that is also online at the same time. With instant messaging, a user inputs the names or identifications of other users with which he/she wishes 30 to communicate into a list. When any of those individuals logs-on to the network, the user is "instantly" notified of the presence of the other user on

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